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STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: October 17, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding John Mucha, Professional Member, **Vice President** Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member Sandra Bisgood, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

David Mangler, Director of Professional Regulation Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tara Donofrio, Public Member Lori Scott, Professional Member Kyla Teed, Public Member **Secretary**

ALSO PRESENT

Pat Redmond, Nemours Janet Teixeria, Cancer Care Connection Chris Lewis John Austin, DSU Chavon Dotton, DSU

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed June 20, 2016 minutes for approval. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to approve the minutes with changes. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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<u>Discussion Regarding Joint Sunset Committee Recommendations</u>

Mr. Mangler explained to the Board the next steps and processes regarding the Board's proposed legislation drafted in response to recommendations from the Joint Sunset Committee. Mr. Mangler stated he would keep the Board updated on when the bill starts moving from chamber to chamber at Legislative Hall. Mr. Mangler mentioned that the hearings are all open for the members to attend if they would like to do so.

Ms. Mason stated that the Board already completed all the items that the Joint Sunset Committee recommended to the Board with the exception of the mobility of the Board meetings. The mobility of the Board to hold meetings in different counties of the state is something that the Board has been trying to make happen but finding a suitable place to hold meetings has been a challenge. Ms. Mason asked Mr. Mangler if he had any luck in securing places to hold meetings. Mr. Mangler stated that he has been looking and thought that the Bear Library would be a good place to hold a meeting. However he found that the library has a standing calendar item at the same time that the Board meets. That would mean that the Board would have to change the meeting time. Mr. Mangler tried other places but found that the space was not conducive to what would be needed to hold a meeting or ran into similar problems with the timing of the meeting. Ms. Scott-Cobb asked if Mr. Mangler had looked at the Delaware State University in Wilmington's campus. Mr. Mangler said that Wilmington was not a state facility and all meetings have to be held in a state public facility. Mr. Mangler has contacted DTCC but has not heard back from them. Parking in Wilmington would be a problem with holding meetings. Ms. Mason stated that she would not have a problem moving the Board meeting date if a state facility could be secured.

Review and Discussion of Current Board's Crimes List

Ms. Kelly stated that she wanted to be able put the statutory references to some of the crimes; however there is a moratorium on any new rule changes until after October. Ms. Kelly will supply the references to the Board for the September meeting. The Board was concerned about some of the crimes listed and would really like the references that Ms. Kelly will supply to see exactly what they entail. This discussion will be tabled until September's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Deliberations from the Rule and Regulation Public Hearing

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that their goal is to discuss the changes that were brought forth at the hearing and decide whether the Board is going to move forward with the proposed rules or make changes based on the verbal and written comments from the hearing.

Ms. Mason stated that there seemed to be a common theme when it came to the comments from the hearing under rules 10.12, 10.6 and 10.1. Ms. Mason said that the Board does not want to be restrictive and changes should be made to these rules. The consensus of the Board from the discussion is that 10.6 and 10.12 should be removed from the proposed rules. The Board would like to remove the "primary means of providing services" language in 10.1.

Ms. Kelly went through the rules and discussed each one so that she could make the needed changes or removal of the rules in question.

Ms. Mason moved to approve the proposed rules and regulations with amendments consisting of striking 10.6, which defines the age limits for telehealth, striking 10.12 which restricts the number of days treatment can occur, and striking the sentence "Telehealth is not intended to be the primary means of providing services to a client" in Section 10.1. Motion unanimously carried.

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Ms. Kelly explained that the rules and regulations would need to be republished.

Ratification of Applications to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Christina Benitez. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Jamie Burke. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Lauren Colletti. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Sarah Robins. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Creshawna Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Mark Wolfe. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Anita Wright. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for John Bickel. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Bonita Wilson. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Jennifer Fenstermacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Aimee Peters. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Suzanne Isenberg. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications to Sit for ASWB Exam (Full Board Review Required)

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Denise Nicolai. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve the application to for licensure for Jason Sim. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Joshua Helman. Motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Review Request for Special Accommodations to sit for ASWB Exam

A request was submitted to the Board asking for special accommodations to sit for the ASWB Exam. After discussion and seeing that the request met the requirements for special accommodations, Ms. Bisgood made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the special accommodations for Prati Khatiwada. Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education Request - Carol Lovett

The Board discussed the request submit by Ms. Lovett. Ms. Mason stated that the Board does not preapprove continuing education. Ms. Wagner will contact Ms. Lovett and let her know.

Approval of Chavon Dotton's Application to sit for the ASWB Exam

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to amend the agenda to add review of application for Chavon Dotton. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Chavon Dotton. Motion unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Mucha addressed the Board on a topic that has been brought up before about the 4 year old girl that lost her life and that the members would be in agreement that the system failed her. Mr. Mucha mentioned that this is one of the reasons the Board is moving towards different levels of licensure so that there will be training in place and supervision where it is needed. Mr. Mucha circulated the article.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Dotton asked about the applicant Jason Sims. Ms. Dotton wanted to know how he could take the exam and not have a license. Ms. Dotton also asked about the request submitted by Ms. Lovett regarding continuing education. Ms. Dotton stated that she took the request to mean that maybe Ms. Lovett wanted to teach the class. Ms. Mason explained the process of continuing education and stated that the Board does not approve any CE unless the person gets audited and the Board is not responsible for approving to teach courses.

Ms. Janet Teixeria from Cancer Care Connection expressed how thankful she was for the Board's deliberations and that it was very heartening to witness the Board's attitude about all the comments made. Ms. Teixeria stated that it makes her proud to be a social worker. Ms. Teixeria asked what the next steps were in getting the regulations passed and Ms. Kelly explained that the regulations have to be republished since there were substantial changes made.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2016 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bisgood moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Wagner

Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners